

MACHIAVELLI, IN HIS «HISTORY OF FLORENCE,» GIVES
PICO OF THE YOUNG MEN AMONG WHOM HIS YOUTH
PASSED. HE WRITES: «THEY WERE FREER THAN THE
REFATHERS IN DRESS AND LIVING, AND SPENT MORE
ON OTHER KINDS OF EXCESSES, CONSUMING THEIR
TIME AND MONEY IN IDLENESS, GAMING, AND WOMAN-
HOOD. THEIR CHIEF AIM WAS TO APPEAR WELL DRESSED.